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CITY MAKING PROGRESS ON MAJOR INITIATIVES

As this edition of *Your Hilliard* arrives in your home, summer is barreling ahead toward fall – along with all the great things that means in our community.

Fall festivals. Back to school. Cooler nights hanging out in Downtown Hilliard. Football Friday nights. Trick or Treat (which is Oct. 31 this year, so mark your calendars!) Election Day. Thanksgiving. And then, on Dec. 3, the unofficial start of winter with Hilliard's Holiday Tree Lighting.

Meanwhile, the City continues making exciting progress on numerous important initiatives.

Construction is underway for our future 105,000-square-foot Recreation and Wellness Center, which will be called "The Well." This facility will be the centerpiece of the Hilliard Recreation and Wellness Campus, which also will create a significant increase in the number of athletic fields managed by the City.

In April, we broke ground on The Well just southeast of Scioto Darby and Alton Darby roads. We remain on track to open the facility in June 2025. You can read more about our progress – including the reason The Well is such an apt name for the center – in the story starting on Page 19.

Another huge milestone for our community was completion of Hilliard by Design, our comprehensive community plan update, earlier this year.

A comprehensive plan is a long-term guide that expresses the values and aspirations of a community. It is the broadest public policy document a community can create for its future physical development. It includes a vision for the future condition of the city; goals and desired outcomes for topics like land use, housing, economics, parks, and transportation; and specific actions to achieve the goals.

Hilliard by Design will be used to guide many City decisions during the next decade, such as budgeting, zoning and other regulations, and infrastructure investment.

Thanks to the work of dozens of steering committee volunteers and input from hundreds of members of our community, the plan was approved by Hilliard City Council in April. The City is now in the process of using the plan as the foundation for a sweeping update of the City's zoning code. Read more about the major initiatives coming out of Hilliard by Design on Page 4.

Other stories you'll find inside this edition of *Your Hilliard* include a story about the value 4-H continues to serve in Hilliard, the legacy of First Responders Park 22 years after 9/11, and profiles of two of the members of City staff whose Hearts for Service are reflected in their work for this community.

And, as always, we're including information about all the great classes and programs offered by our Recreation and Parks Department.

So, settle back, listen to the cicadas buzzing down the waning days of summer, and enjoy this edition of *Your Hilliard*.

And while you're at it, you may want to start thinking about those Halloween costumes. Trick or treat is Oct. 31, after all!

-Hilliard By Design:



City of Hilliard leaders and a committee of community members have worked together for two years to update the City's comprehensive plan. The process, known as Hilliard By Design, created a plan that represents a bold vision and a series of ideas, goals, and actions that are based on the values, needs, and aspirations of the community.

The Hilliard By Design comprehensive plan will be the guiding document that sets direction for growth and development -- a guide for decision-makers now and into the future.

Eight "Big Ideas" were identified as the plan priorities.

Focus Growth Inward

The City strives to use infrastructure efficiently, conserve open space, and strengthen its long-term financial health. Expansion of city boundaries should be strategic and limited to areas currently within the existing water and sewer service boundary agreement with the City of Columbus.

Emphasizing development and redevelopment of underutilized land and structures within the current city boundaries promotes those goals more effectively than extending infrastructure and developing westward.

Create More Mixed-Use, Walkable Places

The City will encourage development with an integrated mix of commercial, residential, civic, public, and employment uses at various scales and intensities throughout the community.

One example of this type of development is the Downtown Hilliard area. Existing commercial areas are more successful with opportunities for services and amenities within walking or biking distance of residents.

Become a Trail Town

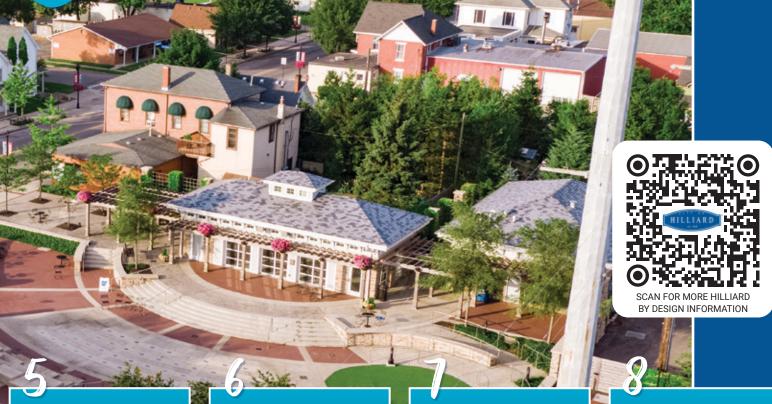
The Heritage Trail is a significant asset to our community, and the City plans to build upon that success. The goal is to expand Hilliard's regional trail network and extend the Heritage Trail to Hilliard's southern boundary by working with partners to make connections to the Quarry Trails Metro Park and downtown Columbus.

Making Hilliard a regional destination as part of the Central Ohio Greenway Network is also a priority.

Expand Opportunities for Walking and Biking

The City will provide more opportunities for the community to walk and bike through the community by filling in gaps in the trail network. This will result in improved connectivity across Interstate 270; between neighborhoods, schools, parks, and mixed-use destinations; and to the regional trail network.

Big Ideas To Shape Hilliard's Future



Reimagine Cemetery Road

Cemetery Road is Hilliard's front door. The primary gateway corridor will be enhanced with streetscape improvements and redevelopment that includes a walkable mix of uses, architecture that frames the street, green space, and public art.

The goal is to create a positive first impression of the community, maximize underutilized land, and improve opportunities for future transit through more dense development.

Encourage Mixed-Use Development Around Premium Office Sites

Hilliard by Design calls for encouraging commercial and residential development at vacant and underutilized parcels. This will create new walkable, mixed-use places that surround the existing structures, making these sites more viable for future employers and serving as neighborhood gathering places.

The resulting long-term financial health will support other "big Ideas" related to housing, inward growth, and mixed-use spaces.

Conserve a Greenbelt

As part of focusing growth inward, the City will acquire and preserve land on Hilliard's western boundary to create a greenbelt and future linear park connected by trails.

This greenbelt will connect to neighborhoods and regional parks and promote the preservation and conservation efforts of the environmentally sensitive Big Darby Accord area.

Expand Housing Options

Hilliard strives to be a regional leader in creatively addressing housing needs. Focusing on housing for young adults and empty nesters will ensure Hilliard is a place where everyone can live.

Hilliard By Design calls for a wider range of housing types and price-points to support a growing and changing population, including new housing types or neighborhood types that are distinctive to Hilliard.

ALEX BOOMERSHINE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST

Need help filing a City permit or erecting a new sign? Curious how the City pays its utility bills? Want to report a pothole? Interested in what services the City offers its businesses?

Alexandria Boomershine can help with that!

Since joining the City in 2017, Boomershine has served with three different City departments.

"I have a better understanding of how the City functions as a whole," said Boomershine, who fell in love with local government after a college internship with a neighboring city's communications department. "I have a lot of knowledge in a bunch of different areas."

The Hilliard-area local graduated from Bradley High School in 2012 before earning a degree in journalism from Ohio University in 2016.

Boomershine was first hired by the City of Hilliard as an administrative assistant in the Building Department, a position in which she received service requests for street maintenance items and processed building permits.

Shortly after, she transferred to the City's Finance Department and served as a finance assistant, overseeing revenue and then accounts payable.

In 2022, she made a move across the hall, serving as the City's first Economic Development Specialist – a position she feels is the best fit for her skills and interests. In this role, she focuses on business retention, making visits, creating relationships, and providing solutions to the 1,100-plus companies within the city.

"I like interacting with residents and making their lives better – even if it's just the very small things," she said. "Supporting businesses is exciting, and I love hearing how much they love Hilliard."

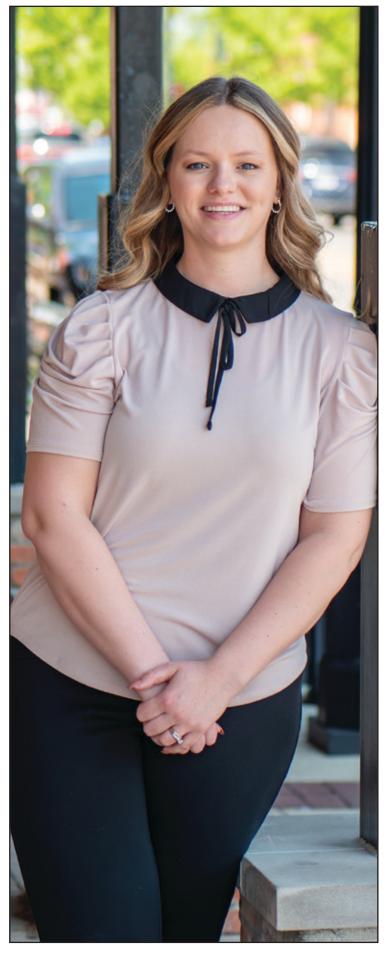
Within the first six months of the new job, Boomershine learned the local business community is incredibly collaborative.

"They realize the more they lift each other up, the more everyone succeeds," she said. "It's not competition – it's community."

Boomershine has been married to her college sweetheart since 2018. In their free time they enjoy lifting at Metro Fitness in Hilliard, camping, and attending car shows – a love she inherited from her father.

Her daily vehicle is a 1989 Lincoln Town Car. The 1954 Ford Crestline gets out of storage on good weather days.

Interested in chatting classic cars? She can help with that, too.





DIANE "DEE" WERBRICH

CLERK OF COUNCIL

The Professional Municipal Clerk, or Clerk of Council, is the oldest public servant position in local government, dating as far back as Biblical times. It also is arguably one of the most important.

The City of Hilliard takes finding the right fit for this vital part of its government seriously.

That's why nearly three years ago, Hilliard City Council appointed Diane "Dee" Werbrich to serve as the City's Clerk of Council.

Werbrich came to Hilliard with extensive government experience, most recently serving for five years as Clerk of Council for Moraine, Ohio. Before that, she served as an Information Management Officer with the CIA from 1983-1997. Werbrich has also held the President role for the Ohio Municipal Clerks Association, is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, and is an Athenian Fellow.

All that experience helps Werbrich serve as an "information center" on functions of Hilliard government and the community while performing administrative duties for City Council. These include, but are not limited to, preparing and distributing meeting packets and minutes, maintaining the permanent records of City Council, preparing proper public notifications, updating Council calendars, responding to public records requests, and ensuring that the City Charter and Council rules are followed.

"My goal is to keep the members of City Council informed, up to date on information, and aware of upcoming events so they are able to best serve the community," Werbrich said. "In this position, there is no typical day. I field emails, phone calls, drop-ins, and public records. Whatever it takes to get the job done. I am always available whenever Council or a resident need something."

The unpredictable nature of the job is one of the reasons she enjoys it.

"I like the versatility of this position. Every day is different – never boring. Hilliard has a very active and exciting government, and I love that," Werbrich said.

One of the most important parts of her job is ensuring that all laws in the City's Charter and Code are followed while remaining neutral and accurate in her records.

"These records are permanent and will be available for generations to come, and I don't take that lightly," Werbrich said.

She lives in Miamisburg, where she enjoys spending her time with her adopted daughter, Lilli, who brings "laughter, purpose, and balance" to her life.

"Working for the City of Hilliard was the best personal and professional move for me and my family. I love it here and look forward to coming to work every day, meeting and helping residents, and having a front row seat in the future of this great City." said Werbrich.

We Will Never Forget

Nestled in the heart of Downtown Hilliard — near the splash pad, restaurants, and retail shops — is a very solemn place.

Hilliard's First Responders Park is dedicated to remembering the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001, and those who lost their lives on that terrible day.

"Something as important and something as tragic as 9/11 really affected us all emotionally. It touched our hearts," said former City of Hilliard Mayor Don Schonhardt, who oversaw the park's creation.

City leaders spent the next years planning the park's development. A location at the corner of Main and Center streets, across from what is now Hilliard's Station Park, was selected.

On May 25, 2010, an escort team of 20 individuals representing the City of Hilliard, Norwich Township, and the Hilliard community departed Hilliard for New York City to bring back seven tons of steel from the World Trade Center.

Upon arrival in Hangar 17 John F. Kennedy International Airport, the escort team saw items very familiar to most people around the world — remnants of the antenna that topped the World Trade Center, mangled emergency vehicles, cars from the train that brought unsuspecting commuters to their offices that morning, and smaller surviving elements, like a rack with bicycles still chained to them.

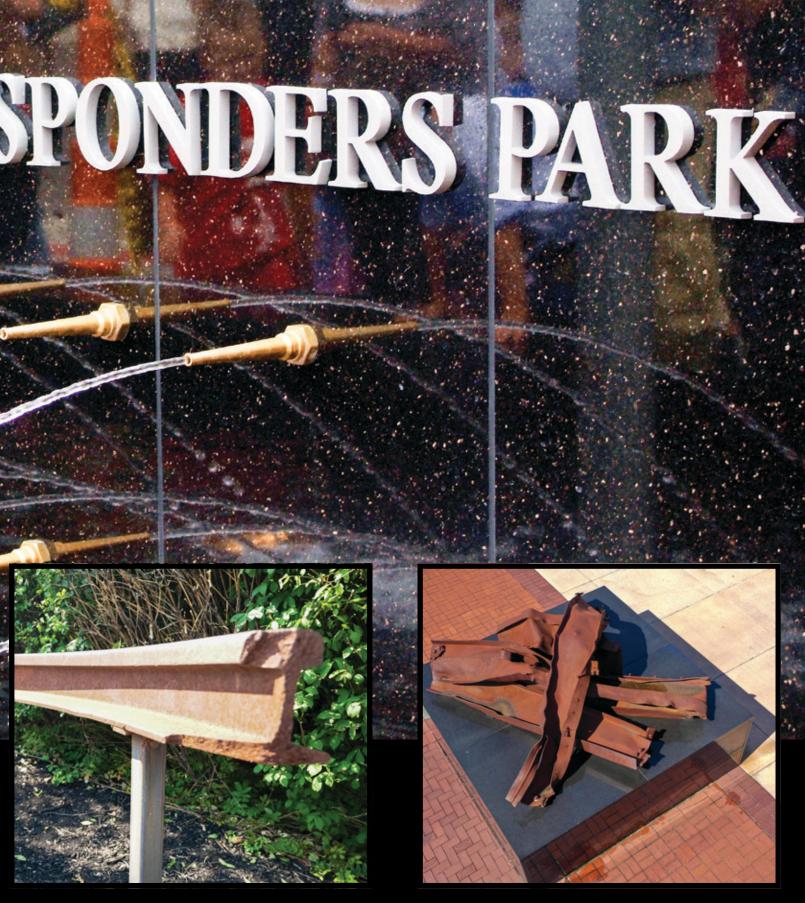
"It was kind of eerie. It was calm and quiet," said former Norwich Fire Chief David Long, who was among those on the escort team. "I remember the smell – you could smell the rust of the steel."

The relics selected by the escort team are on display at First Responders Park.



The Victory Beam

One of the V-shaped I-beams from the collapsed World Trade Center, it's shape now represents victory and American resolve.



Subway Track

A piece of track from the New York City Subway #1 and #9 Cortland Street Station ran under the World Trade Center. According to New York City Transit, officials claimed that the damage was so extensive that more than a mile of the subway tracks would have to be rebuilt.

Twisted Steel

Support I-beams from Ground Zero that demonstrate the sheer force and power of the event.











Pictured above are photos from the 2010 escort of seven tons of steel from the World Trade Center. On the right is the artist Dale Johnson, who crafted the eternal flame sculpture that sits atop the 911 fountain.

In addition to the artifacts, the park includes a sculpture that was created by local artist Dale Johnson. The sculpture, made of cast and fabricated stainless steel, represents an eternal flame and incorporates silhouettes of assorted American lives doing everyday activities, such as walking the dog, reading a book, and riding a bike.

Because 13 percent of the people who died on 9/11 were first responders, 13 percent of the figures in the sculpture represent first responders.

The flame sculpture detail rises from a tranquil pool of water. The fountain uses nine fire nozzles on one side and eleven on the other to commemorate the date of the attack.

The names of nearly 2,800 people who died because of the terrorist attacks are engraved on three granite walls. This includes the 366 first responders from the New York police and fire departments, and 37 officers from the New Jersey Port Authority.

In 2013, the City of Hilliard Division of Police adopted a new badge, worn by police officers each day. First Responders Park is illustrated in the center of the badge in remembrance of those who serve their communities each day.

The escort team also brought back a 1,000-pound flag pole from the Church Street Entrance to the Trade Center Plaza. The flag pole, which now stands in front of the Safety Services Building on Northwest Parkway, is one of only five recovered as part of the salvage operation.

Sgt. Suzanne Muraco, a member of the escort team, volunteers to lead guided tours at First Responders Park every year on Sept. 11. She said the trip was among the most moving experiences of her career.

"We need to share their stories," she said. "We need to respect this steel and bring it back with great dignity, take care of this park, and take care of this nation."



HOP ON BOARD!

'Hilliard Express' Promotes Active Lifestyles for Older Adults





It's a typical weekday in Hilliard for SHARE Driver Charles Wilder, who is busy making routine stops around the community on the Hilliard Express, a free ride service for Hilliard residents over the age of 55 and any residents with disabilities.

"You get to know everyone by name, and they have nicknames for me too. So, it's a neat experience to connect with them on a personal level," Wilder said. "The job is very rewarding and many of my 'regulars' have become like family."

Wilder, 45, has worked for SHARE Mobility's Hilliard district since the service began here in November 2020. The service started as a two-month pilot during the pandemic and has seen steady growth during the past two and a half years.

According to SHARE, the Hilliard Express logged 1,746 trips in the first six months of 2023, compared to 831 trips in the first six months of operation.

The City of Hilliard partners with SHARE Mobility to provide this free transportation for older adults, picking them up from their private homes or living communities and taking them to popular destinations within Hilliard.



As such, the Hilliard Express promotes independent and active lifestyles that include dining, shopping, entertainment, parks, medical appointments, and places of worship.

"It's grown tremendously since we began, especially in the past six or seven months," Wilder said. "People feel more comfortable now in getting out and doing things. I love being able to help out, be a positive part of their day, and build those relationships."

Since November 2020, the Hilliard Express has logged more than 7,500 trips with more than 8,000 riders. Furthermore, the service has averaged 341 trips per month over the past year, with 32 distinct pickup locations, and a perfect rider satisfaction record.

Wilder's kind and jovial nature has made him a favorite driver for many Hilliard residents, and he enjoys the camaraderie and connections he's been able to build. Wilder works for SHARE in other Central Ohio communities but has developed a special bond here in Hilliard.

"It feels good to do something that you love to do. If you enjoy it, it's not work," Wilder said. "Hilliard is growing so much and it's a great place to work, raise a family, or retire. I'm just happy to be a small part of the community here."

All Hilliard Express vehicles are equipped with professional drivers and access for wheelchairs. The service operates from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday. Rides must be booked at least two hours in advance.

"This service has given many seniors a newfound freedom and independence that they didn't have before," Wilder said. "Families and caregivers can have peace of mind in knowing that their loved ones are safe and taken care of."

4-H Opens A World Of Experience

As a 13-year member of 4-H, 2023 Darby High School graduate Lydia VanVleet has had her fair share of opportunities to present winning projects at the annual Franklin County Fair in Hilliard.

"My mom was in 4-H when she grew up, and my sister was in 4-H before I ever was," VanVleet said. "She was three and a half years older than I am, and I always wanted to do what she did."

She started as a Cloverbud – the youngest members of 4-H – and enjoyed the experience so much she continued being a member.

"I think I've really fit in 4-H because of the people," said VanVleet, now a freshman at The Ohio State University. "I love being able to meet people from all over the state and all over the county. I feel like I've I'd had so many opportunities given to me that I would have not gotten without it."

In 2022, she also took one of her projects – called "Yeast Breads on the Rise" – to the Ohio State Fair, where it won the top prize in that category.

In April, she went to Washington, D.C., where she served as an Ohio delegate to 4-H's national conference. She learned about nuclear energy, and even made a presentation about what she had learned to representatives of the Department of Energy.

Tharp Middle School sixth-grader Jobie Thinthapthai is in her third year of 4-H. Her projects have included raising goats and a pig named "Turkey." She was a State Fair alternate for her insect collection project in 2022.

"Thanks to 4-H, I feel like I'm more independent now. I remember to go over and feed the pigs and care for them," she said. "I think I will stay in 4-H for a long time."

The bug collection also has helped with her arachnophobia, she said. She plans to present a larger collection in 2023.

William Mojica's family moved to the Hilliard area about three years ago, deciding to purchase a five-acre farm and raise animals, including donkeys, cows, goats and chickens. 4-H became a natural activity for William, who will be a freshman at Hilliard Bradley High School this fall.

"I do it to make new friends and to get the skills of talking in front of a lot of people," William said. "I'm learning new skills to use later on in life." 4-H is not just fun and games. It's hard work, but working on projects – such as Mojica's 2023 endeavors, raising a market duck, a market dairy goat and a breeding dairy goat – is not the only effort 4-H-ers invest. During the fair, members have to present their projects to judges and support other members of their club when they are being judged. For



2022 Franklin County Fair King Zach Iles and Fair Queen Piper Brill



L-R: Piper Brill, William Mojica, Jobie Thinthapthai, and Lydia VanVleet

some young people, that means staying at the fairgrounds the whole week.

Beth Boomershine, Educator for 4-H Youth Development at The Ohio State University Extension, said 4-H started in Clark County, Ohio, as an agricultural program in 1902, teaching boys about crops and girls about canning. Today, 4-H still reflects its agricultural heritage, but the scope of lessons it teaches goes far beyond the cornfield.

"I always like to tell people that we develop the whole child," Boomershine said. "4-H stands for 'Head, Heart, Hands and Health.' We look at cognitive development, emotional development, citizenship with community engagement, and – of course – health. Basically, we're really doing our best to get kids out to be caring, contributing citizens in the world."

There are more than 43 4-H clubs and 800 members throughout Franklin County, she said.

"The 4-H program is really integral to the Franklin County Fair," she said. "The Franklin County Agricultural Society and the 4-H program are really good partners. The Fair Board is such a great supporter of the program."

One of 4-H's most visible advocates for 4-H during the past year has been Hilliard Bradley High School graduate Piper Brill, who served as the 2022 Franklin County Junior Fair Queen. Brill said 4-H can open a world of opportunities for young people in the community – and that it's not just for those raised in the country.

"4-H is really great youth development for lots of different kids," she said. "I know that 4-H is not as common in the high schools as I would like it to be. It's more popular in places where there's more farmland, but it is an experience a lot of young people would benefit from, even in more citylike areas. I've learned a lot about basic life skills. Repairing clothing. Cooking. Things you might not learn in a regular school environment. 4-H is a really fun and safe place to learn."



- There are 12 4-H community clubs in Hilliard (and 43 in Franklin County)
- 161 4-H members live in Hilliard city limits (out of 823 in Franklin County)
- Members exhibit more than 1,700 4-H projects during fair week in Hilliard.
- 4-H project exhibition includes presenting your project in an interview with a judge as well as displaying it at the fair.





4-H A Vital Partner To County Fair

The Franklin County Fair is about more than carnival rides and deep-fried Oreos.

It also carries on its long-time mission of celebrating and teaching about the important role agriculture plays in society – and promoting how that role is changing.

"Most people are surprised to learn that agriculture is the nation's largest employer, with 17 percent of the total workforce," said Amy Fleshman, Franklin County Fairgrounds Manager. "Ag is not just plows, cows, and sows. It's the food we eat, the clothes we wear, and the fuel in our cars."

And the young people who join 4-H are ambassadors for that message.

"We are constantly told by parents that 4-H has had a tremendously positive effect on their children, because they are developing life skills that go beyond the surface level of a project," she said. "Due to 4-H being run through The Ohio State University, there is a level of excellence and connection to research that other youth organizations don't have. We believe that all youth would benefit from being active in a 4-H Club and developing their leadership, citizenship, and public speaking skills."

This aligns closely with the objective of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, the organization that oversees the fair, to promote the improvement of agriculture, horticulture, better livestock, uniform domestic science and art, youth activities, general community betterment and all the other industrial, commercial and educational interests of the county.

"Partnering with the 4-H program keeps us in line with our objectives," she said. "It provides an educational experience for the public to see the contest and displays that showcase members' hard work. The partnership is year-round and not just one week of the year. We provide buildings and space to hold 4-H meetings, horse shows, Quality Assurance Market Animal Training, the 4-H Walk and Serve community event, the 4-H recognition program, and more."

Fleshman said the fair's role has become even more important as traditional agricultural exposure in Franklin County has decreased.

"Advances in agriculture and ag science require constant education," Fleshman said. "New technology with drones, satellite mapping, and computer advancement in all ag-related markets requires sharp minds and those who are techsavyy."







Hilliard and Ohio State Wexner Medical Center Launch



This fall, Hilliard residents will have the chance to experience the first offerings to come out of the new Ohio State Wexner Medical Center/City of Hilliard health and wellness collaboration.

The partnership, which was forged in 2022, will eventually culminate in a dedicated 25,000-square-foot center for the Ohio State Wexner Medical Center at The Well, the City's new Recreation and Wellness Campus now under construction west of Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park.

In the meantime, it's only appropriate that one of the world's leading teaching institutions would begin the partnership with education opportunities. And it's OK if classroom learning is not your thing, because these initial classes are all online, designed to meet you where you are and provide general health and wellness information from subject matter experts. Webinars will be led by dietitians, physical therapists, exercise physiologists, and other professionals.

If you've been wanting to adopt some healthier habits in your life or to start a fitness program but can't seem to find the time or motivation, or if you need support and encouragement to keep the healthy habits you do have going, Ohio State Wexner Medical Center's "Exercise is Medicine®" Wellness Webinars may be just the spark you need. Check the schedule on Page 41 for dates and times of the next webinar.

If you're ready to take the next step and start a fitness program, or want to "up" your game with the fitness plan you already have, Ohio State's Exercise is Medicine® (EIM) program offers several more levels of connection and support if and when you want them.

Recent scientific studies show that physical activity can be as powerful as drugs in preventing and treating more than 40 diseases and chronic medical conditions, including diabetes and heart disease. You may also be surprised to know that you can achieve these health benefits with a much lower amount of exercise than you need for complete fitness.





City Continues Down Road to Recreation

Construction is underway at Hilliard's new 105,000-square-foot Recreation and Wellness Campus, which is expected to open in 2025!

The City of Hilliard broke ground on The Well in April with a public ceremony and touch-a-truck event. Architects and engineers also continue to develop and fine-tune the designs for The Well, which will include amenities such as an indoor aquatics center, fitness facilities, gymnasiums, an elevated running and walking track, classrooms, community events rooms, commercial and teaching kitchens, and spaces for older adults.

Crews will be working year-round on the site, just west of Municipal Park on Scioto Darby Road, to get the project done as soon as possible.

The next big step in the construction process is the Cosgray Road extension, which will provide access to The Well and the rest of the park. This extension will include installation of a multi-lane roundabout at Scioto Darby Road and two single-lane roundabouts that will provide connection to Alton Darby Creek Road.

Landscaping and stormwater management solutions will be added, as well as street lighting, shared-use paths, fiber conduit, and enhanced sidewalk and trail connections to adjacent neighborhoods.

Construction on the Cosgray Road extension is expected to start in late summer or early fall.





Pumpkin Composting

Instead of throwing jack-o-lanterns in the trash after Halloween, drop off your pumpkins and gourds at the City's pumpkin composting collection bins near City Hall.

Beginning Nov. 1, bring your pumpkins and gourds to Municipal Way and look for the signs directing you to the drop-off. The pumpkins are taken to a composting facility, where they are recycled into a valuable soil additive.

Drop-off is free and open to anyone who wants to help reduce waste in central Ohio.



Find Your Way In Hilliard's New Labyrinth

The City has partnered with Rotary Club of Hilliard to build the circular labyrinth out of brick pavers at Merchant Park, which can be seen from the Heritage Rail Trail and Makoy Center.

"The labyrinth is a spiritual tool that will provide a restful and beautiful spot where people can go to meditate and find peace," said Hala Zahreddine, Rotary Club of Hilliard President.

Labyrinths are defined as a single path that winds and meanders from one point on the edge to the center and back again. Often confused with mazes, labyrinths are not intended to be challenging – you can't get lost traveling its paths – but rather to promote peace.

Those who walk the brick path of the Merchant Park labyrinth will eventually find peace in the form of a dove etched in the middle stone.

The public is welcome to visit the new labyrinth, rest on a bench nearby, do yoga on the pavers, or walk the path while meditating. The site was dedicated in May.

Styll YOU SHOULD KNOW!



From Smart to Intelligent: Hilliard Wins Global Recognition

The City of Hilliard has been named one of the world's top seven intelligent communities in the world.

Hilliard and six other communities were given the prestigious award by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF), a global network of cities and regions. The program recognizes communities that demonstrate best practices in broadband connectivity, workforce development, digital inclusion, innovation, community engagement, and sustainability.

ICF referred to Hilliard as "a model of small city innovation and growth on the technology foundation" at the Building Together: Top7 Communities of the Year Conference in Toronto June 20.

"The Intelligent7 award recognizes the significant accomplishments the City of Hilliard has achieved to promote economic development and lay a foundation for long-term prosperity, social transformation, and sustainability for our community," said City Manager Michelle Crandall.

"The award recognizes that we are employing best practices that will attract and train a workforce that prepares Hilliard for future economic growth," Crandall added. "We are building and using the kind of broadband infrastructure and digital tools that make us attractive to high-tech companies. And we are providing amenities that promote a high quality of life for current and future residents who will call our community home."



Hilliard City Manager Michelle Crandall has been named a 2023 Women of Influence honoree by *Columbus Business First*, and Economic Development Director David Meadows was selected as one the publication's "40 Under 40."

Crandall's award recognizes women in the Columbus business community who are having an impact on their organizations, bettering

the community by giving back, and helping foster the next generation of leaders by acting as advisers and mentors.

She was among 27 selected from 170 nominations, receiving the award in the Trailblazers category, defined as recognizing those who "have come up with bold ideas that have had a measurable impact on their companies' success."

Meadows was selected as one of 40 professionals under the age of 40 in Central Ohio to be recognized for their remarkable achievements. *Business First* received nearly 200 nominations this year and selected winners based on their professional work and community volunteerism.

Meadows, 38, has served as the City's Economic Development Director since 2017, attracting developers, negotiating financial incentives, ensuring compliance, preparing sites, and creating grant programs to guarantee that existing businesses continue to thrive in Hilliard.



Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf collection begins Oct. 16 and will continue through Dec. 15. Residents should rake leaves to the curb area (between the sidewalk and street) by 7 a.m. on the Monday of their scheduled pickup week.

Crews will collect leaves placed at the curb during scheduled times by neighborhood zones on the map. A map and collection schedule can be found online at hilliardohio.gov/leaf-collection/

Residents can also bag leaves in biodegradable brown paper bags for standard weekly curbside yard waste pickup.

Residents also are encouraged to consider using their lawnmowers to mulch their leaves into their yard as natural compost, creating fertilizer for next year's lawn.

After the leaf collection period ends, place leaves in biodegradable paper yard waste bags or in a trash bin designated for yard waste only. The bags or bins should weigh no more than 50 pounds each when filled and will be collected as part of the normal curbside-composting program every Tuesday. Local Waste Services provide bagged leaf collection until the end of November.

When raking leaves for collection, please remember to:

- · Rake leaves to the curb in the green space between the back of the curb and the sidewalk.
- · Do not place leaves in the street or pile them around fire hydrants, mailboxes, parked cars, signs, basketball hoops, drains, or streetlights.
- · Avoid parking cars on cul-de-sacs so trucks can get to the leaves.
- · Do not mix brush or trash into leaf piles.
- · Keep children away from leaf piles that are ready for collection.

POLICIES

RECREATION AND PARKS

PROGRAM GUIDE

REGISTER ONLINE 24/7

Go to hilliardohio.gov/registration and click the "Register" button.

If you are new to Hilliard Recreation and Parks, you must establish a RecTrac account. Within 72 business hours, our staff will verify your residency and activate your account. During this process, patrons will create their own username and password if setting up their account online. RecTrac will automatically create a username and password for patrons setting up accounts in person at the Community Center.

With your existing or newly verified account, go to hilliardohio.gov/registration and sign in with your username and password. Find classes by clicking "search" and then select criteria that fit your interests.

REGISTER SOON

If a program does not have enough registrants one week before the program start date, it may be canceled. Registration in advance is required. Please register soon.

REGISTRATION DATES

General Registration	Date & Time
General	Aug. 21 at 9 a.m.

Pool Passes	Date & Time	
Summer 2024	Jan. 3 at 9 a.m.	

Payments can be made using credit card or check.

ACCOMMODATION REQUEST

The City of Hilliard promotes inclusion for all our programming, camps, and service options. Contact a Recreation Supervisor to discuss accommodations before enrollment so we can provide the best overall experience for you and your child. If the need for an accommodation arises after a program starts, please contact the Community Center at 614-876-5200.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Upon entering a City of Hilliard recreation facility and/or participating in a Recreation and Parks Department program,

you are agreeing to abide by the rules of the department and any specific rules for programs or facilities. Your cooperation and consideration of this Code of Conduct helps ensure all participants can enjoy our programs, facilities, and parks. The Recreation and Parks Department is committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for all our patrons and staff.

FAIR SHARE

The Recreation and Parks Department is largely financed through taxes paid by individuals living or working within Hilliard city boundaries. For that reason, we verify residency annually. Those who are unable to verify that they live or work within Hilliard city boundaries must pay a higher fee. We also delay activating pool memberships until verification of residency or employment is provided. We accept proof of residency or employment in person at our Community Center during normal business hours; via mail at Hilliard Community Center, 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive, Hilliard, Ohio 43026; by email at recandparks@hilliardohio.gov; or uploaded to a RecTrac account.

City Residents (R) receive the lowest rates. Having a Hilliard mailing address or attending Hilliard City Schools does not necessarily mean you live within city boundaries. We verify residency each year on the Franklin County Auditor's website. Renters must provide (in person or via email) a utility bill, government-issued ID, or other proof of residency.

Non-Residents Paying Hilliard Income Taxes also receive the resident rate. To prove employment, you must provide a valid government-issued ID and one of the following each year:

- A pay stub from the previous 30 days that includes the employee's full name and current address.
- Proof of employment on company letterhead with the signature of the patron's supervisor or company president.

School District/Non-Residents are those who neither live nor work within Hilliard city boundaries. These individuals pay a higher fee.

REFUNDS

Low Enrollment

If a program/class does not meet the minimum requirement of participants, the class will be canceled and a full refund will be issued to those enrolled.

General Recreation Program

Any cancellation or request for a refund prior to 10 days of the start of the program/class will result in a full refund. If a cancellation or refund request is needed within the 10-day window of that program/class starting, a 10% processing fee will be charged. If the cancellation drops the program/class



below the minimum student enrollment, a refund will not be issued.

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A full refund is issued if registration is canceled before the posted deadline. Refunds less than \$10 are automatically credited to your household account. Trip registrations canceled after the posted deadline are not eligible for refunds unless there is a waiting list and someone is able to take your place.

Swim Lessons

Refund requests and/or transfers must be submitted in writing at least seven days in advance of the first class to our Aquatics Recreation Coordinator at parks6@hilliardohio.gov. Refunds may reflect a \$5 processing fee and are granted only for medical restriction, approved hardship, or relocation outside of a 25-mile radius of the Community Center. Documentation is required.

MILITARY DISCOUNT

We offer a 10% discount for active duty and veteran military personnel and their immediate families for pool memberships, rentals, and activities. This excludes daily pool admission. Military ID must be provided in person to receive the discount.





PRESCHOOL

ADULT & ME YOGA

This is the perfect class to introduce babies and toddlers to yoga. Explore fun yoga poses and learn about breath and movement while incorporating yoga books and music. This is a great bonding experience and it's great for all energy levels and helps them build a foundation of yoga tools to use as they get older.

Instructor: The Balanced Child Method

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$55R | \$62NR Age: 0.3 to 6 years

ı	Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
	4570400 01	9/11-10/2	9:30-10 a.m.	М
	4570400 02	10/16-11/6	9:30-10 a.m.	М
	4570400 03	11/20-12/11	9:30-10 a.m.	М

AMAZING ATHLETES TOTS

Amazing Athletes Tots is a guided, discovery-based program helping children from 18 months to 3 years old engage in structured physical activities tailored specifically to toddlers. Each weekly class, toddlers learn about one sport through our discovery lessons, structured physical challenges, and activities. This program will be outside unless inclement weather occurs.

Instructor: Amazing Athletes

Duration: 6 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Aspen Shelter

Cost: \$78R | \$93NR **Age:** 1.6 to 3 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4511407 01	9/5-10/10	9:30-10 a.m.	Tu
4511407 03	10/24-11/28	9:30-10 a.m.	Tu

COOKIE CREATIONS

Make, bake and take sugar cookies in holiday svhapes. Drop off your child and let them create delicious holiday cookies.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$10R | \$12NR Age: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4520808 01	12/15	10-11:30 a.m.	F

FRENCH PRESCHOOL

This class teaches students to ask and answer everyday questions, providing the fundamental language skills needed for everyday conversation in French. Students learn everyday words and simple questions and answers through fun and engaging age-appropriate songs, games, play-based activities, and craft projects. Our native-speaking French teacher focuses on verbal pronunciation while preparing students for pre-reading and pre-writing communication skills. Each session is new, so we don't repeat our "Language In Action®" curriculum for three years! This class includes password access to our "Student Corner" webpage for weekly at-home age-appropriate French language learning materials.

Instructor: Cultured Kids Club

Duration: 7 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$130R | \$135NR **Age:** 3 to 5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4236530 01	9/11-10/30*	5 - 6 p.m.	М
4236530 02	11/6-12/18	5 - 6 p.m.	М

^{*}No Class 9/25

KIDS CLUB YOGA (NEW)

Drop off your child for 45 minutes of book-themed yoga while you get your workout on! This yoga class is the perfect way for littles to learn how to incorporate yoga, breath, and mindfulness into everyday life. You'll leave feeling energized from a workout, and your child will feel relaxed and centered. Note: Adults must stay on-site during the class, and the child must be potty trained.

Instructor: The Balanced Child Method

Duration: 4 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$55R | \$62NR **Age:** 3 to 6 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4570401 01	9/11-10/2	10:15-11 a.m.	М
4570401 02	10/16-11/6	10:15-11 a.m.	М
4570401 03	11/20-12/11	10:15-11 a.m.	М

PRESCHOOL

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

Get your kids out of the house and into our kitchen this fall. Kids love to cook, and this fun class is designed to give kids hands-on experience in the kitchen. Each class focuses on a different theme. Join us for a deliciously good time! One parent must remain on site to help the child.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 3 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$30R | \$35NR **Age:** 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4520506 01	10/6-10/27*	10-11 a.m.	F
4520506 02	11/3-11/17	10-11 a.m.	F

^{*} No class 10/20

KINDERDANCE

Kinderdance for children is a developmental dance, motor skill, music, and fitness program, blended with academics, specifically designed for boys and girls ages 3-5. Parents who want to give their child the opportunity to dance will love how Kinderdance teaches the basics of ballet, tap, acrobatics, and creative movement while blending educational concepts designed to teach to the total child. Ballet shoes and tap shoes are required, while leotard and tights OR T-shirt and shorts/leggings/exercise pants are recommended. Dancewear is available for purchase at Shop - Kinderdance Columbus (https://kinderdancecolumbus.com/shop/) as well as area retail locations or online stores.

Instructor: KinderDance Staff

Duration: 8 sessions

Location: Senior Center Multipurpose

Cost: \$145R | \$155NR

Age: 3-5 years

Activity No. Date Time Day(s) 4521010 01 10/4-11/29* 5:45-6:30 p.m. W * No class 11/22	4521010 01 10/4-11/29* 5:45-6:30 p.m. W				
		Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
* No class 11/22	* No class 11/22	452101001	10/4-11/29*	5:45-6:30 p.m.	W
		* No class 11/22		A D	4

KINDERTOTS

Two-year-old children love to explore. Such freedom allows for a variety of physical activities. Our program allows a 2-year-old's natural curiosity to flourish in a multitude of ways with an emphasis on movement exploration. Young children enjoy a challenge, and when they are given the opportunity to test their abilities, it is both developmentally appropriate as well as safe. Kindertots® is designed to develop gross motor skills, movement creativity, physical development, and body awareness while learning numbers, colors, shapes, and songs. Our trained dance teachers/instructors ensure a learning environment that is fun, safe, and full of care. Ballet shoes or sneakers/comfortable non-slip footwear are recommended, along with leotards/tights/T-shirt/shorts/exercise clothing.

Instructor: Kinderdance Staff

Duration: 9 sessions

Location: Senior Center Multipurpose

Cost: \$120R | \$128NR

Age: 2 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4521030 01	10/4-11/29	5-5:30 p.m.	W

LITTLE SLUGGERS T-BALL

Sports Group's Little Sluggers is a great introduction to the game of baseball for young children. Using age-appropriate activities, players will be introduced to the fundamentals of baseball in an atmosphere that is supportive, fun, and prevents children from feeling pressured. Each week, the program will include an instructional portion that will introduce players to batting, base running, fielding, throwing, and catching. A modified game will also be played each week. Although Bally Sports will lead the program, parent participation is welcomed. The Little Sluggers T-Ball Program will provide your child with a fun and positive T-ball experience that will encourage future participation!

Instructor: Bally Sports **Duration:** 5 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Ball Field 7

Cost: \$90R | \$108NR Age: 3-4 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
452146 01	9/11-10/9	4-5 p.m.	M
452146 02	9/11-10/9	5-6 p.m.	М

PRESCHOOL

MINI SOCCER STARS

Bally Sports leads an age-appropriate program that uses fun games and activities to teach the fundamentals to beginning soccer players. See page 30 for more information.

Instructor: Bally Sports
Duration: 6 sessions
Location: Municipal Park
Cost: \$85R | \$102NR

	Age 3-4	l years	
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
452143 01	9/12-10/17	5-6 p.m.	Tu

ORNAMENT PARTY

Join your preschool friends at the Hilliard Community Center for a holiday ornament decorating party. You and your child will work together to create five different ornaments. These ornaments will make great gifts for family members.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Senior Center Card Room

Cost: \$15R | \$20NR **Age:** 3-6 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4520707 01	12/8	10-11:30 a.m.	F

SPANISH PRESCHOOL

The Spanish Pre-K class is designed for independent learners. Students learn everyday words and simple phrases through fun and engaging age-appropriate songs, games, play-based activities, and craft projects. The teacher focuses on native verbal pronunciation while preparing students for reading and writing communication skills. This class includes password access to weekly at-home Spanish worksheets, videos, and songs through the Student Corner online learning materials.

Instructor: Cultured Kids Club

Duration: 7 sessions (4236510 01) and 6 sessions (4236510 02)

Location: Community Center, Meeting Room

Session I Cost: \$130R | \$135NR Session II Cost: \$110R | \$120NR

Age: 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4236510 01	9/16-10/28	9 - 10 a.m.	Sa
4236510 02*	11/4-12/16	9 - 10 a.m.	Sa

^{*}No class 11/25

STORIES AT THE CENTER

Drop your child off while they enjoy a weekly story incorporating additional activities that may include art, science and nature, creative dramatics, and music and movement. Children must be potty trained. Advance registration is required. Parents are not required to stay on site.

Instructor: Rec Staff Duration: 4 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$20R | \$25NR **Age:** 3-5 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4520204 01	10/4-10/25	10-11:30 a.m.	W
4520204 02	11/1-11/29*	10-11:30 a.m.	W



The elves will drop off Santa's Mailbox Nov. 27 at Hilliard's Station Park. The mailbox is near the corner of Main and Center streets for boys and girls to drop off their letters to jolly old St. Nick before Dec. 18!

Santa gets busy around the holidays, so please include a *self-addressed* and stamped envelope to receive a return letter from Santa's Workshop.

AMAZING ATHLETES

Amazing Athletes is a developmental physical fitness program empowering children ages 4 to 6 years old to reach developmental milestones at an individual pace. During our weekly classes, children learn the importance of patience, teamwork, and self-confidence in a non-competitive, learning-based environment that fosters a love of healthy living. Through our structured active play, Amazing Athletes advance six different motor skills: balancing, running, jumping, throwing, catching, and kicking. This program will be held outside unless inclement weather occurs.

Instructor: Amazing Athletes Staff

Duration: 6 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Buckeye Shelter

Cost: \$78R | \$93NR Age: 4-6 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4521407 01	9/5-10/10	10-10:30 a.m.	Tu
4521407 03	10/24-11/28	10-10:30 a.m.	Tu

BEGINNER FRENCH LANGUAGE (NEW)

Our French Beginners class is for elementary-age students beginning their language journey. Students will learn everyday sentences and study the cultures of different French-speaking countries. The class integrates play-based activities, fun action games, student-to-student conversation, and age-appropriate French music. This class includes password access to extra between-class French language learning materials.

Instructor: Cultured Kids Club

Duration: 7 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$130R | \$135NR **Age:** 6-12 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4236540 01	9/11-10/30*	6-7:30 p.m.	М
4236540 02	11/6-12/18*	6-7:30 p.m.	М

*No class 9/25



BEGINNER SPANISH LANGUAGE

This Spanish beginner class is for elementary-age students who are just beginning their Spanish-language journey. Students will learn to ask, answer, read, and write everyday sentences and study the cultures of different Spanish-speaking countries. The class integrates play-based activities, fun action games, student-to-student conversation, and age-appropriate Spanish music. Students will learn greetings, introductions, object descriptions, likes and dislikes, calendar, weather, questions, responses, and commands. This class includes password access to the Student Corner webpage, which offers students extra between-class learning materials such as age-appropriate themed practice sheets, online games, YouTube videos, and suggested language apps for tablet and phone.

Instructor: Cultured Kids Club

Duration: 7 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Session I Cost \$130R | \$135NR Session II Cost \$110R | \$120NR

Age 6-12 years			
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4236520 01	9/16-10/28	10:15-11:45 a.m.	Sa
4236520 02	11/4-12/16*	10:15-11:45 a.m.	Sa
*No Class 11/25			

BETTER BABYSITTERS

Would your son or daughter know what to do if the child they were babysitting started to choke? Would they know what to do if they were taking care of several children and someone came to the door? Does your child babysit younger siblings? Better Babysitters teaches the responsibilities of having a job, the Rights of a Babysitter, CPR for a child and infant, basic first aid, growth and development, and appropriate toys and activities for kids. They also learn diaper changing, infant care, and how to feed a toddler.

Instructor: Enriching Kidz Staff

Duration: 2 sessions

Location: Senior Center Multipurpose

Cost: \$120R | \$125NR Age: 10-14 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4530201 01	11/4-11/11	10 a.m2 p.m.	Sa

DRAMA KIDS

Drama Kids helps children develop important confidencebuilding skills through developmental drama activities. Our lessons feature never-before-seen skits, games, improv scenes, and more! Through weekly sessions students become more confident and their self-esteem blooms! While your child will certainly gain acting skills, our main goal is to help children develop the skills they need to succeed in life. Our final class will include a fun mini-scene and parentparticipation showcase!

Instructor: Drama Kids **Duration:** 8 sessions

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$150R | \$165NR Age: 6-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4237600 01	9/13-11/1*	6-7 p.m	W

EXCEL GIRLS VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

This league is for girls 7-10 years old. The focus will be fundamentals, skills, and communication, along with developing the team concepts of game play. There will be a one-hour practice on Thursday nights, and all games will be on Saturday morning/afternoons. Every girl will receive a team shirt.

Instructor: Excel Staff **Duration:** 6 sessions

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: \$125R | \$150NR Age: 7-13 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
453142 01	9/14-10/21	6-7 p.m.	Th, Sa
453142 02	9/14-10/21	7:10-8:10 p.m.	Th, Sa

EXCEL YOUTH VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

This league for girls and boys is designed to develop basic volleyball skills (passing, setting, serving, blocking, and hitting) and game play. All games will be on Thursdays, with the first 30 minutes being practice, followed by the game. All participants receive a team shirt. Wear athletic clothing and tennis shoes, and bring a water bottle. Knee pads are suggested, although optional.

Instructor: Excel Staff **Duration:** 5 sessions

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: \$90R | \$108NR

Age 7-10.5 years					
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)		
453141 01	11/2-12/7*	6-7 p.m.	Th		

*No Class 11/23

Age 10.5-13 years					
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)		
453141 02	11/2-12/7*	7:10-8:10 p.m.	Th		

^{*}No Class 11/23

ICE, ICE COOKIES

Tis' the season for holiday cookies and cheer. Join us for festive cookie baking and decorating.

Instructor: Rec Staff
Duration: 1 session

Location: Senior Center Multipurpose

Cost: \$15R | \$20NR **Age:** 6-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4530808 01	12/13	6-7:30 p.m.	W



MINI SOCCER STARS

Bally Sports leads an age-appropriate program that uses fun games and activities to teach the fundamentals to beginning soccer players. Coaches focus on teaching the basics of dribbling, passing, scoring, and the concept of game play. Proper sportsmanship is emphasized in a positive and encouraging atmosphere enabling children to enjoy learning soccer while also having fun being physically active. Each week will include both developmentally appropriate instruction and recreational, non-competitive game play.

Soccer for ages 3-5 is listed in the Preschool section.

Instructor: Bally Sports Duration: 6 sessions Location: Municipal Park Cost: \$85R | \$102NR

Age 5-6 years			
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
452143 02	9/12-10/17	6-7 p.m.	Tu

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Bally Sports Group Minor League Baseball is a great introduction to coach-pitch baseball for beginning players. The instructional portion of the program uses developmentally appropriate drills with modifications and/ or progressions implemented when necessary, helping every child improve their baseball skills despite their current abilities. Skills taught will include batting, fielding, throwing, and catching. The program will also include a modified, non-competitive game each week. As the weeks progress, new aspects of the game/game scenarios will be added to allow children to learn within the context of the game. Children will be able to use a tee during the game if they are having difficulty hitting a pitched ball. Parent participation is welcomed in this program.

Instructor: Bally Sports **Duration:** 5 sessions

Location: Municipal Park, Ball Field 8

Cost: \$90R | \$108NR Age: 5-7 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
452145 01	9/11-10/9	6-7:15 p.m.	М
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ORNAMENT PARTY

Drop your child off for a fun time decorating and making ornaments for the holiday season. These ornaments will make great gifts for family members.

Instructor: Rec Staff Duration: 1 session

Location: Senior Center Multipurpose

Cost: \$15R | \$20NR Age: 6-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4530707 01	12/6	6-7:30 p.m.	W

SCHOOL'S OUT, CAMP'S IN

Have fun while mom and dad are at work! Play games, make crafts, enjoy movies and popcorn, and take part in other great activities. Bring a packed lunch, snack, and a water bottle.

Instructor: Rec Staff Duration: 1 session

Location: Community Center Meeting Room

Cost: \$40R | \$45NR Age: 5-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4530100 01	10/20	8 a.m5 p.m.	F
4530100 02	11/7	8 a.m5 p.m.	Tu

COOLTECHGIRLS: TECHNOFASHION

"Technofashion" is an exciting STEM workshop targeted to educate young girls through creative sewing projects that incorporate electronics! Learn to make a light-up bracelet, twinkling headband, and light-up necklace! Past participants have strengthened their self-confidence, developed presentation skills, and been motivated toward STEM careers. These three activities allow girls to self-explore sewable electronics and learn how to design and build a project. Students are provided with hands-on kits to create while mentors guide them through the step-by-step process of creating their project. No previous experience is required for this workshop. Snacks and bubble teas are provided.

Instructor: Rec Staff
Duration: 3 sessions

Location: Senior Center Classroom

Cost: \$18R | \$25NR Age: 9-14 years



Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4540210 01	11/4-11/18	9:30 a.mnoon	Sa

SHOOTING STARS BASKETBALL

Bally Sports Group provides children with a fun and educational basketball experience! Players are taught the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense, and the concept of game play. The curriculum incorporates teaching styles that help this age group build an understanding of the skills that are taught by using fun terminology and engaging activities. A positive and encouraging atmosphere is created in which kids learn proper sportsmanship. Each week, players participate in developmentally appropriate instruction and modified, recreational game play.

Instructor: Bally Sports **Duration:** 6 sessions

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: \$90R | \$108NR Age: 6-8 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
452142 01	11/4-12/16*	11:20 a.m12:20 p.m.	Sa
452142 02	11/4-12/16*	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Sa

*No Class 11/25

WALK, LOOK, TALK AND CREATE

This four-week art class will explore nature and use artistry to replicate its beauty. A short hike outdoors will allow students to observe their surroundings, and they will learn to transfer what they see onto paper. Projects may include two or three-dimensional materials.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 4 sessions

Location: Senior Center Craft Room

Cost: \$50R | \$60NR Age: 8-11 years

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4237550 01	9/12-10/3	6-7:30 p.m.	Tu
4237550 02	10/10-11/7*	6-7:30 p.m.	Tu

*No Class 10/31

WINTER BREAK CAMP

This winter break, play games, make crafts, drink hot chocolate, and chase away cabin fever. Bring a packed lunch and a water bottle. Parents can use this time to finish gift wrapping or go out to lunch.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Community Center Gym

Cost: \$40R | \$45NR



FAMILY

KARATE

Participants learn practical skills for self-defense at their own pace. The class begins with stretching and warm-ups and may include kata, sparring, and general self-defense. For more information, visit hsoma.com

Instructor: Jason Smiley

Duration & Cost: 4 sessions | \$45R | \$54NR 7 sessions | \$70R | \$84NR

Location: Community Center Gym

Age: 10 and older

Activity No.	Date	Sessions	Time	Day(s)
3571400 03	8/9-9/27*	7	6-8 p.m.	W
3571400 04	8/30-9/27*	4	6-8 p.m.	W
4541401 01	10/4-11/15	7	6-8 p.m.	W
4541401 02	10/25-11/15	4	6-8 p.m.	W
4541401 03	11/22-1/3	7	6-8 p.m.	W
4541401 04	12/13-1/3	4	6-8 p.m.	W

^{*}No Class 9/6

NIGHT HIKES AND CAMPFIRES

Join us in celebrating one of the shortest days of the year, Thursday, Dec. 21. Heritage Rails to Trail path will be lit with luminaries and lanterns for a self-guided walk from Merchant Park trailhead to a half-mile out. The walk begins and ends in Hilliard's Station Park. There will be a fire, s'mores and hot chocolate in Hilliard's Station Park after the walk. Dress for the weather and be prepared for slippery paths in case of snow.

Instructor: Rec Staff
Duration: 1 session

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: \$5R | \$7NR

Age: All

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day	(s)
4271205 01	12/21	6-7:30 p.m.	Th	



CoolTechGirls Seeking Volunteers and Mentors (NEW)

We're seeking female volunteers and mentors with engineering and technical backgrounds to serve as mentors to girls in the CoolTechGirls program on Nov. 4, 11, and 18. If you are a woman in a STEM career and interested

PANCAKES AND PJ'S FAMILY NIGHT

Who doesn't love breakfast for dinner? Bring the family for a middle-of-the-week treat! Come dressed in your best pajamas and be ready to enjoy a stack of delicious pancakes, a craft, and a hot cocoa bar!

Instructor: Rec Staff
Duration: 1 session

Location: Senior Center Multipurpose

Cost: \$10R | \$15NR

Age: All

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4571205 01	12/1	6-7:30 p.m.	F

PUMPKIN FLOAT AND FLICK

Sit back, relax, and watch the glow at Hilliard's "Pumpkin Float and Flick" in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. Enjoy our park after the sun sets and the pumpkins are launched in the pond. Enjoy a walk on the lantern-lit trail before we end the evening watching "Transylvania." Bring your lawn chair, blankets, picnic, and pre-carved sugar pumpkin (no more than 5 pounds) to float in the pond. You may not get your pumpkin back after the event due to the logistics of removing them from the pond. Please register if you plan to bring a pumpkin.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Municipal Park Amphitheater

Cost: Free Age: All

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4571206 01	9/30	6:30-9:30 p.m.	Sa

in becoming trained to volunteer with Recreation and Parks and CoolTechGirls staff to co-lead a program, email recandparks@hilliardohio.gov and register via Rec Trac.

CoolTechGirls uses a train-the trainer model during a two-hour live instruction that explains the steps to create fashion items to help participants enrolled in the program. Trainers will learn how to complete the projects themselves so they can teach the girls to do the same.

Volunteers/mentors may select one of two training sessions: 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 14, or 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17.

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4550210_01	10/14	9-11 a.m.	Sa
4550210_02	10/17	5-7 p.m.	Tu

FAMILY

SANTA CALLS (PERSONALIZED)

A popular choice for children who want to hear Santa's voice with a personal touch! Select a day and time when registering, and Santa will call your child within that time frame. Calls will be personalized with information parents provide during registration.

Instructor: Rec Staff
Duration: 1 session
Location: Virtual (at-home)

Cost: \$5R | \$7NR Age: Any age

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4571232 01	12/7	6-6:30 p.m.	Th
4571232 02	12/7	6:30-7 p.m.	Th
4571232 03	12/7	7-7:30 p.m.	Th
4571232 04	12/7	7:30-8 p.m.	Th
4571232 05	12/12	6-6:30 p.m.	Tu
4571232 06	12/12	6:30-7 p.m.	Tu
4571232 07	12/12	7-7:30 p.m.	Tu
4571232 08	12/12	7:30-8 p.m.	Tu

SENSORY SANTA

Santa enjoys visiting with everyone! He has a very tight schedule but has reserved a special time to visit in a small, quaint room for sensory-friendly friends. Please register for one 10-minute time slot. Registrants may take their own photos as they visit with Santa.

Instructor: Rec Staff **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Senior Center Card Room

Cost: \$5R | \$7NR Age: 21 and under

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4571234 01	12/16	1-1:10 p.m.	Sa 🏒
4571234 02	12/16	1:10-1:20 p.m.	Sa
4571234 03	12/16	1:20-1:30 p.m.	Sa
4571234 04	12/16	1:30-1:40 p.m.	Sa
4571234 05	12/16	1:40-1:50 p.m.	Sa
4571234 06	12/16	1:50-2 p.m.	Sa
4571234 07	12/16	2-2:10 p.m.	Sa
4571234 08	12/16	2:10-2:20 p.m.	Sa
4571234 09	12/16	2:20-2:30 p.m.	Sa 🚄
4571234 10	12/16	2:30-2:40 p.m.	Sa
4571234 11	12/16	2:40-2:50 p.m.	Sa
4571234 12	12/16	2:50-3 p.m.	Sa

Tree Lighting

Dec. 3, 4-6:30 p.m.

Tree lighting at 6:15 p.m.

Kick off the holiday season at the 34th annual Tree Lighting, an event full of fun festivities in Downtown Hilliard and Weaver Park. Walk or catch the trolley to enjoy all activities at Hilliard's Station Park, Main Street, and the Historical Village at Weaver Park. The trolley stops in the Chase Bank parking lot and the entrance to the Historical Village. Convenient, free parking is available at the Franklin County Fairgrounds, as well as the lots at Madison and Wayne Streets.

Hilliard's Station Park

- Balloon twisters
- Face painters
- · Santa and elves
- Scioto Darby Elementary first grade
- Hilliard high school choirs
- · Hilliard Youth Choir

Main Street

- · Cookie station
- Petting zoo
- · Holiday train rides
- Horse and carriage rides
- Ice carving
- Cram the Cruiser by donating coats, scarves, gloves, and sweatpants for Hilliard students
- Stilt walkers

Historical Village

- Balloon twisters
- Face painting
- Holiday music
- Mrs. Claus and elves in the schoolhouse
- Tour the historical buildings with docents
- Write a letter to Santa
- Live snow globe

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HEART FOR SERVICE, STRENGTH IN TEAMWORK, AND A DRIVE FOR EXCELLENCE.

Earn volunteer hours for school while engaging with young people in your community!

Winter Break Camp

December 20, 21, 22 (Wednesday-Friday) – 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hilliard Hikes

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - 9:30-11 a.m.

Hilliard Café Noon Year's Eve Party

Thursday, Dec. 28 – 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Earn volunteer hours for school while engaging with the community at these special events!

Fall Festival Municipal Park

Sunday, Sept. 17 - noon-4:30 p.m.

Watch and Glow, Pumpkin Float, And Flick Saturday

Saturday, Sept. 30 - 6-8:30 p.m.

School's Out Camp's In

Friday, Oct. 20 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 – 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tree Lighting

Sunday, Dec. 3 - 3:30-7 p.m

For additional information or to register, contact the Recreation Supervisor at parks2@hilliardohio.gov.

ADULT

CORE FIT FLOW

Core flow strengthens the muscles that support a healthy spine, improving posture using a yoga flow posture, flexibility and confidence in a class that blends Pilates, functional strength, and mind-body inspired movement. A great class for all body types!

Instructor: Melanie Ross **Duration:** 6 sessions

Location: Senior Center Classroom

Cost: \$32R | \$38NR Age: 18 and older

Activity	No. Date	e Tim	e Day(s	;)
4350414	01 9/13-10)/18 6-6:45 p	o.m. W	
4350414	02 11/1-1	2/6 6-6:45 p	o.m. W	

HEALTHY EATING WORKSHOP (NEW)

Kim Tartaglia, MD, is a board-certified physician in internal medicine, pediatrics, lifestyle medicine, and health and wellness coaching. In this three-part workshop, she will share information on the tenets of a healthy diet – and why it's so difficult to eat healthily. You'll also discuss how to eat healthily with children and families. Bring your nutrition questions and create an action plan to improve your health through nutrition.

Instructor: Kim Tartaglia, MD

Duration: 3 sessions

Location: Senior Center Classroom

Cost: Free

Age: 13 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4570601 01	9/12-9/26	7-8 p.m.	Tu

LABLAST FITNESS

LaBlast is a dance fitness program based on all the ballroom dances you see on Dancing with the Stars. It is partner-free, includes all components of fitness, and uses music from every area and genre. All fitness levels are welcome to come have a blast!

Instructor: Wellness Collective

Duration: 14 sessions

Location: Senior Center, Multipurpose

Cost: \$60R | \$80NR **Age:** 18 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4350409 01	9/5-12/12	5:30-6:15 p.m.	Tu

*No Class 10/31

HILLIARD HIKES

Join this weekly hike and stay active this winter! Meet on Wednesdays at 9:45 a.m. and walk from 10-11 a.m. Dress for the weather.

Instructor: Rec Staff Duration: 1 session Location: Various Cost: Free

Age: 18 and older

Location	Date	Time
Hilliard Senior Center	12/6	9:45-11 a.m.
Prarie Oaks Metro Park	12/13	9:45-11 a.m.
Hilliard's Station Park	12/20	9:45-11 a.m.

MOTIVATION AT THE STATION YOGA

Challenging yet relaxing vinyasa flow. Each class is intuitively sequenced and creatively delivered to emphasize fluidity and steady breathing. Flow through a foundation of standing and seated postures, back bends, twists, and inversions in this dynamic movement class. Pre-registration is recommended.

Instructor: Melanie Ross **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: Free

Age: 13 and older with parent/guardian

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3350402 13	9/2	8-8:50 a.m.	Sa
3350402 14	9/16	8-8:50 a.m.	Sa
3350402 15	9/23	8-8:50 a.m.	Sa
3350402 16	9/30	8-8:50 a.m.	Sa



ADULT

MOTIVATION AT THE STATION WITH SHED FITNESS

Get fit with local studio SHED Fitness! Classes are designed for people of all fitness levels to come together and empower each other to reach peak total body performance. Participants will be led through a 50-minute circuit-style full-body workout of strength and interval exercises. Pre-registration recommended.

Instructor: SHED Fitness **Duration:** 1 session

Location: Hilliard's Station Park

Cost: Free

Age: 13 and older with parent/guardian

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
3350403 13	9/2	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
3350403 14	9/16	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
3350403 15	9/23	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa
3350403 16	9/30	7 - 7:50 a.m.	Sa

PICKLEBALL

This low impact paddle-based sport is perfect for individuals who previously played tennis. We supply courts, nets, and balls. You bring your own paddle and water bottle. Month-by-month registration remains open to all skill levels on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until slots are full. For more information, contact **Sports1@hilliardohio.gov**.

Location: Community Center, Gym

Cost: \$3R | \$5NR Age: 16 and older

October

Duration: 5 sessions

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4551401 01	10/2-10/30	8:30-10:30 a.m.	M
4551401 03	10/2-10/30	1:30-3:30 p.m.	М
4551401 05	10/4-10/25	8:30-10:30 a.m.	W
4551401 07	10/4-10/25	1:30-3:30 p.m.	W
4551401 09	10/6-10/27	8:30-10:30 a.m.	F
4551401 11	10/6-10/27	1:30-3:30 p.m.	F

PICKLEBALL (CONTINUED)

November

Duration: 4 sessions

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4551402 01	11/6-11/27	8:30-10:30 a.m.	М
4551402 03	11/6-11/27	1:30-3:30 p.m.	М
4551402 05	11/1-11/29*	8:30-10:30 a.m.	W
4551402 07	11/1-11/29*	1:30-3:30 p.m.	W
4551402 09	11/3-11/17**	8:30-10:30 a.m.	F
4551402 11	11/3-11/17**	1:30-3:30 p.m.	F

^{*3} session | ** 5 sessions

December

Duration: 3 sessions

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4551403 01	12/4-12/18	8:30-10:30 a.m.	M
4551403 03	12/4-12/18	1:30-3:30 p.m.	М
4551403 05	12/6-12/27*	8:30-10:30 a.m.	W
4551403 07	12/6-12/27*	1:30-3:30 p.m.	W
4551403 09	12/1-12/29**	8:30-10:30 a.m.	F
4551403 11	12/1-12/29**	1:30-3:30 p.m.	F

^{*4} session | ** 5 sessions

YIN YOGA

The first 30 minutes will be dedicated to Yin Yoga, a slow and meditative style of yoga where you hold the poses for longer. The second half of the class is dedicated to a vinyasa style flow. Perfect for all levels!

Instructor: Melanie Ross **Duration:** 6 sessions

Location: Senior Center, Multipurpose

Cost: \$32R | \$38NR **Age:** 18 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4350415 01	9/18 - 11/6*	6 - 7 p.m.	М
4350415 02	11/13 - 12/18	6 - 7 p.m.	М

^{*}No Class 10/9 & 10/23



TRAIL RIDE AND LUNCH

Explore local paved trails and try some new lunch spots on this weekly ride! Each ride is approximately 10 to 16 miles long with a scheduled lunch stop. Beginners are welcome; no riders are left behind. The ride is free, but registration is recommended. Participants must buy their own lunch and provide their own bike locks. Helmets are required. Some on-road riding may be required to reach the restaurant. Meet at 10:15 a.m. at the Hilliard Senior Center, 3810 Veterans Memorial Dr. The ride rolls at 10:30 a.m.

Instructor: Rec Staff Duration: 1 session Location: Various

Cost: Free

Age: 18 and older

Date	Location	Lunch
9/6	Hilliard Senior Center	Sexton's Pizza
9/13	Glacier Ridge Metro Park	City Barbecue
9/20	Hilliard's Station Park	Starliner Diner
9/27	Battelle Darby Creek	McAlister's Deli
10/4	Hilliard Senior Center	Abner's
10/11	Glacier Ridge Metro Park	Piada
10/18	Hilliard's Station Park	Local Cantina
10/25	Battelle Darby Creek	Culver's
11/1	Hilliard Senior Center	Legacy Smokehouse
11/8	Glacier Ridge Metro Park	Bibibop
11/15	Hilliard's Station Park	Center Street Market

ZUMBA

Fitness that includes cardio and muscle toning all while moving to great music! There's no judgement, just fun! You won't even know it's exercise!

Instructor: Doreen Woodward

Duration: 7 sessions

Location: Senior Center, Multipurpose

Cost: \$45R | \$455NR **Age:** 16 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4350405 01	9/14-10/26	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Th
4350405 02	11/2-12/21*	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Th

^{*}No Class 11/23

BASIC PUPPY OBEDIENCE (NEW)

Learn basic dog obedience with commands (come, sit, place, down, off, and leave), along with loose-leash walking. Other training may include socialization, handling with confidence, building trust, and problem solving. Owners are encouraged to bring their pup's favorite training treat to help with motivation and achievements!

The mini session is an introductory version to our extended Basic Puppy Obedience Class with weekly criteria set and built on

Week 1: Come and sit

Week 2: Loose leash walking and place

Week 3: Down and off

Week 4: Leave it and distraction management

Week 5: Exploring and graduation

All other equipment will be provided by The Dog Wizard. All dogs need to be at least 10 weeks old but not more than 5 months old.

Instructor: Jodi Liscio **Duration:** 9 sessions

Location: Alt Field Tennis Court

Cost: \$425R | \$500NR (Extended Obedience) and \$275R |

\$325NR (Mini-session)

Extended Obedience C	lass		
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4550203 01 *No Class 10/31	9/5-11/7	6- 6:45 p.m.	Tu

Mini Session Obedience Class					
Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)		
4550203 02	9/6-10/4	6- 6:45 p.m.	W		

FOUNDATIONS IN DOG TRAINING (NEW)

You and your dog will learn loose-leash walking, commands (place, sit, and down), working through distractions, and ways to address moderate behavior problems like jumping, barking, and reactivity. Owners are encouraged to bring their pup's favorite training treat to help with motivation and achievements! All other equipment will be provided by The Dog Wizard. All dogs need to be at least 5 months old.

Instructor: Jodi Liscio **Duration:** 5 sessions

Location: Alt Field Tennis Court

Cost: \$425R | \$500NR

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
4550202 01	9/5-10/3	7 - 7:45 p.m.	Tu

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

SENIOR CENTER HOURS

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed for maintenance Sept. 4-8 and for holidays Nov. 23, Dec. 23-26, and Jan. 1.

MEMBERSHIP

A \$15 annual fee gives members ages 55 and older access to a variety of benefits, including activities and lunches. Ask a team member to learn more. Complimentary memberships are available to those 90 and older.

OSHIIP

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program provides free information and other health insurance services to Ohioans covered by Medicare. Schedule a one-on-one appointment at the Senior Center office or by calling (614) 876-0747.

LIBRARY

The Senior Center library has a wide selection of books, movies, audio books, and puzzles. A computer and printer are also available for your use. Thank you to everyone who has donated items!

SENIOR HALL OF FAME

Honored for a lifetime of service, personal achievement and a positive image of aging, one or two senior citizens are inducted to the Hilliard Senior Citizen Hall of Fame biennially. Nominees may be living or deceased and should exemplify how senior citizens contribute to their communities and respond creatively to retirement.

HAPPINESS CLUB

The Happiness Club is a fundraising arm of the Senior Center. Register by 4 p.m. the prior Wednesday to join this group for lunch, a business meeting, and entertainment.

Date	Time	Day
10/13	Noon	F
11/9	11:30 a.m.	Th
12/8	Noon	F

Nomination forms are always available online and at the Hilliard Senior Center, the Community Center and the Municipal Building.

FREE TRANSPORTATION

Residents 55 and older can ride the Hilliard Express to popular destinations within the community. Just schedule a ride for free door-to-door service.

A professional driver will pick seniors up from any address in Hilliard and take them to shopping, dining, medical appointments, entertainment, places of worship, or parks.

To schedule a pick up, call 1-833-SHARE-33 or visit **sharemobility.com/hilliard**.

BLOOD DRIVES

Donate the gift of life at the Hilliard Senior Center. Make an appointment by calling the Red Cross at 1-800-RedCross or by visiting **RedCrossBlood.org.** Walk-ins will be accepted. The Red Cross is taking precautions for COVID-19 to ensure your safety while donating. Use code "HilliardSenior" for registration. Donors must be age 17 or older.

Dates: Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 and Dec. 15.

Times: 1-7 p.m.

THE HILLIARD CAFÉ

Enjoy weekly lunches at the Hilliard Senior Center or order to go. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. the preceding day by calling (614) 876-0747. Check the monthly menu for dates and times. Check, VISA, Discover, AMEX, or MasterCard.

Lunch Hours

Memorial Day – Labor Day 11:30 a.m. **Labor Day** – Memorial Day noon

PRAYER LUNCHEON

An area minister presents a short message after lunch. Register by 4 p.m. the preceding day.

Date	Time	Day
9/22	Noon	F
10/27	Noon	F
Nov	No lunch	F
12/1	Noon	F

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

HALLOWEEN LUNCH

Dress in your favorite costume and enjoy this holiday lunch with special treats and a costume contest! Pre-paid registration is required. No meal tickets or to-go meals.

Location: Senior Center Cost: \$8M | \$10NM Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 01	10/31	Noon-1 p.m.	Tu

VETERANS DAY LUNCH

We salute all the men and women who have served our country. This lunch is open to all and free to our veterans and their spouses. After lunch, enjoy a concert in your honor. Pre-register with the front desk. Regular lunch prices and meal tickets accepted.

Location: Senior Center Cost: \$7M | \$9NM Age: 55 and older

Date	Time	Day(s)
11/9	11:30 a.m1 p.m.	Th

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Featuring all the traditional favorites, including turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, green beans, and pumpkin pie! Pre-paid registration is required. No meal tickets or to-go meals.

Location: Senior Center Cost: \$8M | \$10NM Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)	
456123 02	11/16	Noon-1 p.m.	Th	

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Join the Hilliard Senior Center for a delicious Christmas feast! Pre-paid registration is required. No meal tickets or to-go meals.

Location: Senior Center Cost: \$8M | \$10NM Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 03	12/14	Noon-1 p.m.	Th

NOON YEAR'S LUNCH

Join your friends at the Hilliard Senior Center and ring in the New Year at noon! Pre-paid registration is required. No meal tickets or to-go meals.

Location: Senior Center Cost: \$8M | \$10NM Age: 55 and older

Activity No.	Date	Time	Day(s)
456123 04	12/28	11:30 a.m1 p.m.	Th

SOCIAL INTERACTION, COMMUNICATION WILL BE FOCUS AREAS FOR AGING IN PLACE COMMITTEE

In January and February this year, the Aging in Place Committee surveyed a large sample of Hilliard adults ages 55 and older and held in-person focus groups in May at the Municipal Building.

Based on results from the survey and focus groups, two major areas of opportunity were identified to improve Hilliard as a location for aging in place: improving social interaction and increasing ease and accessibility of communications.

The Aging-in-Place committee thanks those who participated in these important activities. Your input is key in helping us determine how we can help each other in our community. As a committee, we can now start developing and implementing activities related to social interaction and communications for our older adult population, making Hilliard a great community in which to age in place.

FIFTY-FIVE PLUS

PROGRAMS

ASPIRING WRITERS GROUP

Weekly informal networking sessions for aspiring writers. Each person works on their own projects on their own time and shares them with the group. This group meets every Monday at 9 a.m.

BIBLE STUDY

Bring your own Bible and join this discussion! This group meets the second and fourth Monday of the month at 10 a.m.

BILLIARDS

Two billiard tables are available daily during normal business hours.

BINGO

Enjoy free bingo on Thursday right after lunch (12:30 p.m. Memorial Day – Labor Day; 1 p.m. Labor Day – Memorial Day). Participants may bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Hilliard Food Pantry. Bingo is sponsored by Dedicated Senior Medical Center, Norwich Springs Health Campus, VITAS Healthcare, Glenwood Memory Care, and Darby Glenn Nursing & Rehabilitation.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Norwich Township Fire Department provides free blood pressure checks the **first Thursday of the month from 11 a.m.-noon.**

BOOK CLUB

Second Tuesday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

CARDS

Samba: Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge: Monday at noon.

Pinochle: Monday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Bridge: Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. **Euchre:** Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays 12:30 p.m.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

1st and 3rd Mondays at 9:30 a.m.

Informal group gathering for widows and widowers. Enjoy coffee, donuts, and the company of others who have experienced the loss of their spouse. Register by day prior.

FITNESS CLASSES

\$5 per class

Chair Yoga: Tuesday and Friday at 9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Zumba: Wednesday at 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. **Gentle Yoga:** Wednesday at 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

MEXICAN TRAIN DOMINOES

Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Be the first player to lay down all your dominoes. Tiles left in your hand count against you, so play strategically to get rid of the high tiles.

MAHJONG

Tuesday and Fridays at 1 p.m. Bring your own set.

PO-KE-NO

Fourth Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Bluebird

500-MILE WALKING CHALLENGE

Start tracking your miles beginning Jan. 1 and try to reach 500 before the end of the year! Earn a T-shirt and have your photo posted on the wall at the Hilliard Senior Center.

INDOOR WALKING (LABOR DAY - MEMORIAL DAY)

Community Center Gym

Monday and Friday: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 8-9 a.m.

EXERCISE IS MEDICINE®



OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER WEBINARS

The Exercise is Medicine® (EIM) Wellness Webinar Series brings subject matter experts to the community to provide educational materials on various wellness topics important to EIM participants and interested community members.

Each webinar will provide information on the EIM program, education on a specific wellness topic, and resources for additional information related to the topic.

Interested individuals can sign up for the series of webinars, which take place the first Tuesday of every month from 5-5:30 p.m.

The series is open to the public and is offered at no cost. Register at **go.osu.edu/EIMWebinar**.

Registration is only required once for the entire series.





PARK HIGHLIGHTS

RENTALS

The Recreation and Parks Department rents select facilities and park shelters to community organizations, groups, and citizens. Learn more about renting a shelter or park facility by contacting us at parks2@hilliardohio.gov. You can also get more information at hilliardohio.gov/facility-rentals.

Weaver Park rental facilities are managed by Hilliard Historical Society. For more information go to **hilliardohiohistoricalsociety.com**.

Rental spaces at the Community Center and Senior Center are available for meetings, seminars, and private parties. Contact us at **rentals@hilliardohio.gov** for more information. Availability changes seasonally with programs.

BIRTHDAY PARTY RENTALS

Rent the gym and a meeting place on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. or 2-4:30 p.m. Visit https://hilliardohio.gov/rentals for more information on prices and to reserve.

SPORTS

Hilliard Recreation and Parks offers sport leagues and activities this upcoming season for all ages. Activities include volleyball, basketball, disc golf, and softball.

Contact us at **sports1@hilliardohio.gov** or visit us online at **hilliardohio.gov/sports** for details.

COMMUNITY GARDENS

Registration details will be available in the WInter edition of Your Hilliard.

PARK HIGHLIGHTS

FISHING PONDS

A fishing license is not required to fish at any of the ponds in Hilliard City parks. Enjoy a day of fishing at Britton Farms Park, Hayden Run Village Park, Latham Park, Merchant Park, or Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park. All fishing is catch-and-release.

DISC GOLF

Enjoy 18 holes of challenging disc golf throughout Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park on our free course.

HORSESHOE COURTS

Eight blue clay courts in Roger A. Reynolds Municipal park are maintained and used by the Hilliard Horseshoe Club on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

See hilliardhorseshoeclub.org for more information.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park is home to two pickleball courts. Pickleball is the latest sports trend for adults and seniors to stay active, healthy, and have fun!

FIRST RESPONDERS PARK

Vowing that "we will never forget," the City of Hilliard created a place for reflection to pay tribute to first responders nationwide and to ensure the events of 9/11 are remembered. Help us to take care of this treasured park and respect this space.

HILLIARD'S STATION PARK

Hilliard's Station Park is near the downtown trailhead for the seven-mile Heritage Rail Trail. This community event space contains an amphitheater, spray pad, multi-functional building, outdoor café tables, public restroom, and storage/maintenance facility. Architectural features of the two buildings reflect the site's past use as a train depot.

HERITAGE TRAIL DOG PARK

Bring your pup to this safe place for off-leash play! The park has one acre dedicated to small dogs and three acres for larger dogs. The park includes a doggie drinking fountain, open seasonally. Pathways through the park lead to benches and shaded area.

GREEN SPACE AND FIELDS

The City of Hilliard Recreation and Parks Department Field Policy was established to benefit a variety of youth sport programs in our community, with a focus on recreational sports and resident-based organizations. These programs and organizations promote healthy childhood development through positive physical, psychological, and social development across a variety of sporting activities.

This policy establishes the guiding principles, requirements, procedures, and fees that govern the use of City of Hilliard fields.

For more information regarding field rentals, contact us at sports1@hilliardohio.gov.

VOLUNTEERS/ADOPT-A-PARK

Whether adopting a park or helping at community events, dependable volunteers make a huge difference in the community! If you're interested in giving back to the community, contact us at parks2@hilliardohio.gov.

SLEDDING HILL

Nothing says winter like a good sled ride! Hit the hill at Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park for a day of snowy fun.

SPLASH PADS

The Hilliard's Station Park and Clyde "Butch" Seidle Community Pool Splash Pads are open to the public from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. through Sept. 30, weather permitting.

SPONSORSHIPS

Supporting Hilliard means supporting the community. The City hosts great special events that bring our community together, including City of Hilliard Freedom Fest, Celebration at the Station concert series, the holiday tree lighting, and more!

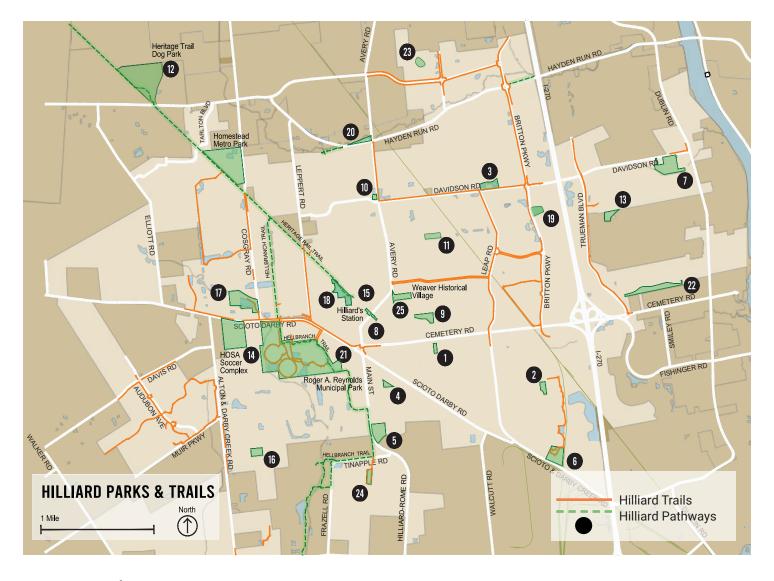
We're always looking to partner with local businesses to create unique sponsorship opportunities. For information contact us at **econdevelopment1@hilliardohio.gov**.



SHARE YOUR TALENTS!

Do you have a special skill or hobby you are willing to share? Instructors are always needed to teach new classes and programs.

Email **recandparks@hilliardohio.gov** to receive a class proposal form to submit your idea.



HILLIARD'S PARKS

From wooded areas to athletic facilities, Hilliard's Recreation and Parks Department maintains 25 developed parks that provide diverse recreational and leisure activities for the community. The department also organizes special events, maintains municipal pools, and sponsors educational, fitness, and volunteer activities for community members of all ages.

Help us to protect and preserve our community parks and green spaces by keeping them free of litter and vandalism.

By providing a clean, safe and well-maintained environment with a friendly, professional, and wholesome atmosphere, the Recreation and Parks Department takes pride in providing endless economic, social, and health benefits to the Hilliard community.





	Adaptive Swing	Ampitheater	Ball Field	Basketball Court	Cricket Pitch	Disc Golf	Fishing Pond	Lacrosse	Fountains	Gardens	Green Space	Grills	Historical Village	Memorial	Natural Path	Paved Path	Pickleball Courts	Picnic Area	Playground	Public Pool	Restrooms	Sand Volleyball	Shelter House	Sledding Hill	Soccer Facility	Splash Pad	Tennis Court	Walking Path
1 Alt Field 3740 Municipal Way			•																•								•	
2 Beacon Fields 4375 Edgewyn Avenue			•								•					•												
3 Britton Farms Park 4500 Davidson Road							•									•		•					•					
4 Conklin Park 1000 Boucher Drive											•								•									
5 Cross Creek Park 3342 Hilliard Rome Road					•			•			•														•			
6 Darby Glen Park 4340 Swenson Street											•	•			•	•			•				•					•
7 Father Roderic J. Dipietro Park 3481 Davidson Road			•								•	•			•						•		•		•			
8 First Responders Park 4020 Main Street									•				•					•										
9 Hamilton Park 4000 Berry Leaf Lane			•								•								•									
10 Hayden Run Village Park 5226 Davidson Road							•				•							•	•				•					
11 Heather Ridge Park 4833 Hawkstone Road											•								•									
12 Heritage Trail Dog Park 7262 Hayden Run Road											•					•		•					•					
13 Hilliard East Park 4450 Schirtzinger Road	•										•							•	•	•			•			•		
14 HOSA Soccer Complex 6371 Scioto Darby Road											•														•			
15 Hilliard's Station Park 4021 Main St		•																•			•					•		
16 Lakewood Park 3180 Walkerview Dr											•								•									•
17 Latham Park 4171 Cosgray Road							•				•																	•
18 Merchant Park 5467 Center St							•				•					•		•										
19 Mildred Park 4592 Britton Parkway											•																	
20 Reibel Woods 6000 Hayden Run Road											•			•	•													
21 Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park 3800 Veterans Memorial Drive	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•
22 Scioto Run Nature Trail 3757 Scioto Run Blvd											•				•													•
23 Silverton Park 5057 Silverton Way											•																	•
24 Tinapple Park 5512 Hyde Park Drive				•							•	•				•		•	•				•					
25 Weaver Park 4162 Columbia Street											•	•	•					•			•		•					







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ENGAGE WITH US!

We believe our community should be informed about the work of local government and engaged in its processes. Our open public meetings include opportunities for community participation.

We seek public input 24/7 at public@hilliardohio.gov

Residents may submit service requests online at hilliard.mobile311.com or by calling (614) 876-7361 ext. 311.

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Photos and Videos

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Doggie Dippin' - Sept. 5 Clyde "Butch" Seidle Community Pool

5-5:45 p.m. – small dogs under 40 pounds 6-6:45 p.m. – large dogs 40 pounds and over

Bring your furry friend to the annual end-of-year dog swim. Dogs may play during their allocated time, based on weight. For the health and safety of the dogs, the pool is not chlorinated. Owners are not permitted in the water during the event. New this year: activities for the entire family in the parking lot! Cost: \$5 per dog

Fall Festival - Sept. 17, 1-4 p.m.

Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park

Celebrate the autumn season at Fall Festival! Enjoy hay wagon rides, a pumpkin patch, petting zoo, inflatables, face painting, balloon artists, and much more. This event is free!

Trick-or-Treat - Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m.

Trick-or-treat is a rain or shine event.

Hilliard Veterans Day Parade - Nov. 5, 2 p.m.

Election Day - Nov. 7

Tree Lighting - Dec. 3, 4-6:30 p.m.

Hilliard's Station Park

Grab your family and friends and get into the holiday spirit with fun and free festivities for all to enjoy at Hilliard's Station Park (HSP) and the Historical Village.